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Part One History, Vision, and Legitimacy

A Global Movement for Establishing The Rule of Law in Human Affairs

Disobedience to the law, civil and criminal, has become a mass phenomenon in recent years, not only in America, but also in a great many other parts of the world....The telling symptom of disintegration is a progressive erosion of governmental authority, and that this erosion is caused by the government's inability to function properly, from which spring the citizen's doubts about its legitimacy.

Hannah Arendt

*This leads directly to the conclusion that national sovereign states at the present time can no longer **ensure to their own peoples the security that they originally promised and that was the essential justification of their raison d'être.... As the sole condition on which** sovereign power can be legitimized is that it can maintain the conditions of the good life, strictly speaking the nation-state is no longer the legitimate bearer of sovereign authority.*

Errol E. Harris

The Earth Federation Movement is a worldwide movement to establish the democratic rule of law in human affairs, in other words, a *global social contract*. The lack of the rule of law in the international arena between nations is patently obvious and clearly poses a serious threat to the future of humanity. However, the Earth Federation Movement understands that the absurd violence and chaos of the international realm has serious consequences *within* nations as well: disintegrating their democratic freedoms, fostering fear and hate, and calling into question the very legitimacy of the democratic ideal.

The Earth Federation Movement is not about civil disobedience but about democratic *civil obedience, obedience to the legitimate rule of law*. Citizens

everywhere long for a rule of law in the world that establishes peace, freedom, justice, and reasonable prosperity for all. People everywhere on Earth long for a decent world system in which they can live their lives with dignity and security. Under the present world disorder there is no prospect that this simple requirement of human decency can ever happen. Nor is there any prospect that we can protect the planetary ecosystem from imminent collapse.

No national government on the planet can any longer provide the rule of legitimate law that protects the common good of its citizens. Global crises and instability transcend the borders of every nation. The interdependence of all peoples – in terms of economics, in terms of the environment, in terms of security, in terms of resources – is patently clear. Through all four of these areas, disaster is descending upon the nations. This means that no national legal system is any longer fully legitimate, for no government, even the most powerful, can any longer secure the good of its citizens. We have crossed the Rubicon and there is no turning back. Our only hope is to establish democratic world law directed to the common good of all nations and peoples.

The Earth Federation Movement (EFM) is a living, growing social reality welcoming governments at all levels, non-governmental organizations, and individual persons from around the globe. It was founded in 1958 with the founding of the World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA) dedicated, in those early years, to writing a constitution for the Earth. It organized thousands of world citizens from dozens of countries through constant communication and many international meetings in a successful effort to create the *Earth Constitution*. The Fourth Constituent Assembly in Troia, Portugal, in 1991 voted to ratify the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* in its present and final form. Since then, the Earth Federation Movement in coordination with the World Constitution and Parliament Association and the Institute on World Problems (IOWP) has promoted final ratification of the *Constitution* in a wide variety of venues throughout the world.

The Earth Federation Movement also includes the Provisional World Parliament and the other initiatives that have developed with respect to provisional world government for the Earth since 1982, the year in which both the Provisional World Parliament and the Graduate School of World Problems were begun. As we shall see, the Earth Federation Movement has developed many ways for integrating with existing global institutions like the U.N., the International Criminal Court, and other international organization or conventions. We work at the global level for global democracy: to unite humanity under a single democratic constitution. We understand that the only genuine hope for the future is a new social contract committing all human beings to live under the democratic rule of law in relation to one another.

At the deepest level, the commitment that we have to democracy, freedom, justice, peace, and environmental sustainability arises from love and compassion. If one loves the Earth, its beauty, its diversity, its people, its cultures, its astonishing plants and animals, and its magical fullness that make such a wonderful home for humanity and the world's other creatures, then one will act to protect, preserve, and restore the Earth. Only ratification of the *Earth Constitution* will really accomplish this. If one loves humanity, the wonderful

diversity of the “worlds within worlds,” of human identities, values, and ways of living and being, then one will act to create a decent world for human beings to live in, a world of freedom, justice, peace, and sustainability. At the deepest level, love is the central force behind the Earth Federation Movement.

The “defining documents” included in Part Two below, express the spirit and vision of the Earth Federation Movement as this has been examined and articulated by those world citizens from many countries and all continents who have participated in sessions of the Provisional World Parliament that have debated and ratified these documents. The perspectives on the “rights of people,” the “rights of animals,” “citizen and governmental responsibilities,” etc., expressed in these documents represent the judgment of the many people who have voluntarily taken responsibility under the authority of the *Earth Constitution* to move the world forward toward the rule of democratic world law in human affairs.

In this respect, like the *Constitution* itself, these documents form the very core of this book, for they do not represent the views of any one person but the collective judgment of the Parliament attendant upon discussion, deliberation, and ratification through a democratic voting procedure. If the reader wishes to visualize as rapidly as possible the kind of world created by the *Earth Constitution*, he or she is urged to read Document Eleven, the “Conceptual Model of the Earth Federation under the *Constitution*.” This will perhaps give the clearest idea concerning the transformed world for which the Earth Federation Movement is working.

We do not take part (as a movement) in politics *within* nations. Our single goal is the establishment of non-military, democratic Earth Federation. For more than five decades, therefore, the Earth Federation Movement has worked – in many ways and venues – to get the *Earth Constitution* written and then ratified by the people and nations of Earth under the criteria specified in its Article 17. We have worked to educate the people of Earth to understand the need for democratic world law, to integrate the *Earth Constitution* with existing international institutions, and to develop vibrant and effective provisional world government as a model and precursor for establishing the democratic rule of law in human affairs. We want people to see that love of the Earth and other human beings is the key to establishing a decent world system that provides a dynamic framework for the fullness of life for all persons and the Earth’s other living creatures.

1.1 Historical Overview

Our foremost visionary leader who led the effort to create a world constitution was Henry Philip Isely.¹ Isely had been confined to a U.S. Federal Prison during the Second World War as a war resister who believed that both world wars had been caused at the deepest level by the lawless rivalry of sovereign imperial nations, and not, as war propaganda would have it, simply from a

¹ This subsection and the next are drawn from my introduction to *Constitution for the Federation of Earth: With Historical Introduction, Commentary, and Conclusion* (2010). The version presented here has been substantially updated and expanded.

struggle of freedom against fascism. After the war, Isely took over the magazine *Across Frontiers* from World Federalist Gerry Krause and proceeded to set in motion systematic, step by step plans for creating a world constitution. In 1950, he wrote a pamphlet entitled “The People Must Write the Peace” stating that the situation in the world was so dire that the people cannot wait for the moribund national governments to take the lead.

In the early 1950s, Isely and others joined the Campaign for World Government at its Chicago offices, at that time under the direction of Mary Georgia Lloyd. By 1958 the basic concept of WCPA was founded. Key activists understood that the foremost need was to create a quality constitution for the Earth. Along with Thane Read, Guy Marchand, Marie Philips Scot, Margaret Isely, and others, a “World Committee for a World Constitutional Convention” was formed which, by 1961, established its headquarters in Denver, Colorado. The public call for a World Constitutional Convention was issued by the committee that same year with committed delegates from 50 countries and endorsements from several Heads of State.

By 1966 the decision was made to change the name of the World Committee for a World Constitutional Convention to the World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA). Margaret and Philip Isely had been using the profits from their successful Denver-based business to travel widely, recruiting prominent persons to sponsor the development of a world constitution and prepare the call for a World Constitutional Convention. Among the recipients of Philip Isely’s immense correspondence were Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka and Dr. Reinhart Ruge of Mexico, both leading world federalists who had independently arrived at similar conclusions. These activists eventually became Co-Presidents of WCPA and worked together for more than 40 years in this capacity, with Philip Isely as Secretary-General and Margaret Isely as Treasurer.

Three preparatory congresses were held in the mid-1960s, systematically building support and ideas for a world constitutional convention. The Convention, which took place in 1968 in Interlaken, Switzerland, and nearby Wolfach, Germany, drew 200 delegates from 27 countries and five continents. The Convention (now calling itself the First Constituent Assembly) formulated the major elements to be included in this constitution and elected a drafting commission of twenty-five persons, chaired by Dr. Reinhart Ruge, to complete a draft and circulate it worldwide for comment and criticism, setting the date of 1977 for its next meeting and the completion of this process. In his autobiography, Ruge writes:

Wolfach was the real beginning of the attempt to create a stable world, which would save future generations from war and misery. This was all basically due to the clear line of thought of Philip Isely, and his capacity to find and bring together so many likewise intentioned people from around the world. I am very proud that I could be present at this important and historic Constituent Assembly. (2004: 305)

In early 1972, five key members of this drafting commission met for two continuous months at world headquarters in Denver, Colorado, to create the first draft of *A Constitution for the Federation of Earth*. These primary authors of the initial draft of the *Constitution* were Henry Philip Isely from the U.S., Dr. T. P.

Amerasinghe from Sri Lanka, Hon. S. M. Husain from the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, D. M. Spencer, professor of law from Mumbai, India, and, through regular telephone conversations, Dr. Max Habicht, prominent international lawyer from Switzerland.²

The following year this draft was circulated worldwide for comments and criticisms. In 1975, all these comments were collected and again circulated worldwide. In 1976 a second draft of the *Constitution* was prepared by the commission. This new draft was then also circulated worldwide in preparation for the Second Constituent Assembly that met in Innsbruck, Austria in June 1977. At Innsbruck, this collectively revised draft for the *Constitution* was debated and amended paragraph by paragraph by the delegates. It was then adopted with 138 signatories from 25 nations and six continents.

A.B. Patel (General Secretary and Treasurer of World Union International Center, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, India) presided over the signing of the *Constitution* and was himself the first signatory. He became Co-President of WCPA at that time along with Dr. Reinhart Ruge. After his death in the late 1980s, Dr. Terence Amerasinghe became the Co-President along with Dr. Ruge.

In the following two years, the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* was translated into a number of languages, sent to all Heads of State, and circulated widely. In response to a common criticism that no national governments had participated at Innsbruck, a Third Constituent Assembly met at the Hotel Ranmuthu in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 1979, hosted by Dr. Terence Amerasinghe. This body did not find it necessary to amend the *Constitution*. Rather, the Assembly issued an appeal to all national parliaments to ratify the *Earth Constitution* along with a sample draft resolution for these parliaments to use. The Assembly also issued a Declaration of the Rights of People to assemble,

² Along with Philip Isely and Dr. Reinhart Ruge, Dr. Amerasinghe, Ph.D, Ed.D, J.D., (1917-2007) was clearly the leading figure in this effort. Originally from a prominent family in Sri Lanka, and long active in Sri Lankan politics and education, Amerasinghe later became the President of the English Speaking Union for Southeast Asia and the head of the Sri Lanka Chapter of the Universal Love and Brotherhood Association (ULBA). He was known throughout Southeast Asia for his work on behalf of world peace and world government.

He graduated with honors in History from the University of London in 1939, then studied at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London where he obtained an M.A. and Ph.D. in Oriental History. He also studied at the Council of Legal Education, U.K., and obtained the degree of Barrister-at-Law (Gray's Inn). He was called to the English Bar in 1954, and practiced in the Privy Council, then the highest court of appeals from Asian countries that had been under British rule.

Dr. Amerasinghe spent the years 1952-1955 studying and teaching at foreign universities, entering the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and working as visiting Educator in the School of Education. While in the United States, he obtained the degree of Doctor of Education from Hamilton State University. He was Smith-Mundt Fulbright Scholar in 1954. From the 1960s on, he worked as a leader and later Co-President (with Dr. Reinhart Ruge) of the World Constitution and Parliament Association. At Dr. Ruge's retirement to the post of Honorary President for Life in 2001, Amerasinghe became President of WCPA until his death in 2007. He was also President of the Graduate School of World Problems which he helped found in 1982 and the first President of the Institute on World Problems, founded in 2003.

draft a constitution, and obtain ratification.

A key issue of world federalism (one important for the future of humankind) was thus delineated at this point. Does the future of the world lie entirely in the hands of illegitimate sovereign national entities militarizing the world and creating ever more weapons of death and destruction? Or do citizens of the Earth have the right and duty to take charge in creating a decent world order for themselves and future generations? The Earth Federation Movement understands that governments alone, especially at the nation-state level, will not and cannot create a decent future for humanity. It is the duty of world citizens everywhere to take the lead.

During the 1980s, the World Constitution and Parliament Association focused on organizing sessions of the Provisional World Parliament under the authority of Article 19 of the *Earth Constitution*. The Parliament met in Brighton, England, in 1982, Delhi, India, in 1985, and Miami Beach, Florida, in 1987. However, criticisms of small details in the wording of the *Constitution* kept surfacing to the point where it was deemed necessary to call one final World Constituent Assembly for 1991. This was held in Troia, Portugal, at which time the delegates adopted 59 (mostly small) changes in wording within the *Constitution* and renewed the worldwide campaign for its ratification, which was then called the Global Ratification and Elections Network (GREN) and later known as the Earth Federation Movement (EFM).

During the 1980s, the initial sessions of the Provisional World Parliament were quite successful. The first session in 1982, at the famous Royal Pavilion in Brighton, England, attracted delegates from 25 nations and six continents. The impressive inauguration of the Parliament was presided over by Sir Chaudry Mohammed Zafrullah Kahn of Pakistan, who was former President of the U.N. General Assembly and former foreign minister for his country. Officers of the Parliament included such notables as Dr. Lucile Green (later Co-founder and President of the World Citizens Assembly), Max Habicht (renowned international lawyer and legal advisor to WCPA), and A.B. Patel, then Secretary-General of the Sri Aurobindo Movement and World Union, who served as Speaker for the Parliament.

The Second Session in 1985 inaugurated before a packed house in the Vigyan Bhavan in Delhi, where it was opened by the then President of India, Zail Singh. The Parliament continued on successive days in the famous Constitution Club (where the Constitution of India had been signed) and was chaired by the then Speaker of the Lok Sabha (the lower house in India's Parliament), the Hon. Bal Ram Jakhar. The Third Session met at the huge Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, for eleven days of intense work during June 1987. Along with passing a number of important world legislative acts, it included an exposition for developing countries to show their products and wares and began the elaboration of the Ministries of Provisional World Government as sanctioned by Article 19 of the *Earth Constitution*.

Article 19 sanctions the development of all agencies or functions specified by the *Constitution* as aspects of provisional world government. Shortly after the initial sessions of Parliament in the early 1980s, the opportunity arose to organize

the first Provisional District World Court in collaboration with Los Angeles lawyer Leon Vickman, who wished to prosecute the nuclear weapons researching and possessing nations for this criminal activity. Three eminent law professors sat on this court: Burns Weston of the University of Iowa, Francis Boyle of the University of Illinois, and Alfred Rubin of Tufts University.

All nuclear weapons nations (including some suspected of working to develop these) were arraigned and a few responded in writing to the court's summons. India, for example, wrote a letter denying that it ever intended to develop nuclear weapons. Most did not respond. A defense was appointed; all were tried in absentia and found guilty in 1987 (with some variation of opinion as to the degree of guilt). This court did not continue in its work beyond the 1980s, although it might have done so had resources been available. A similar initiative (to create a provisional World Court system) has recently been passed by the 12th session of the Provisional World Parliament in December 2010. It goes without saying that if there were a global social contract under which these prosecutions took place, the leaders of Russia, the USA, England, France, Israel, China, and other nations would be in prison where they properly belong.

The reader may know that something similar took place in the 1990s. Peace oriented NGOs from around the world brought the issue of nuclear weapons before the International Court of Justice in The Hague. The 1996 judgment of the court was similar: nuclear weapons are illegal and cannot legitimately be developed or possessed, let alone used, by any nation. And the result was also the same precisely because we live in a world without enforceable law: no one has gone to prison for possessing these weapons and no nation has begun to disarm because of this judgment.

During this decade of the 1980s, hundreds of organizations worldwide were committing support to the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*. The heads of some of the poor nations were expressing interest and meeting with WCPA leaders. The campaign for ratification of the *Constitution* was in full swing with the signatures of personal ratifiers flooding into the Denver offices of WCPA, and a large network of WCPA chapters and organizational affiliations were developed throughout the world.

The WCPA claims that it has experiential evidence, going back to the early 1980s, of intentional subversion of its movement by behind the scenes superpower manipulation. But after the very successful first three sessions of the Provisional World Parliament in 1982, 1985, and 1987, this subversion became devastating. Heads of State of small countries who were very interested suddenly and inexplicably reversed themselves and would have nothing more to do with WCPA. Massive, last minute, unexplained denial of visas prevented successful meetings for which hundreds of delegates were registered to come. Nations that had offered to host a reception for Provisional World Parliament delegates suddenly turned hostile, without explanation.

For whatever reasons, the growing success of the movement to ratify the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* momentarily slowed, although the organization to this day remains committed to the project. Philip Isely was personally quite devastated by the obvious behind the scenes subversion of the

Fourth and Fifth sessions of the Parliament that took place in Barcelona, Spain, in 1996 and on the island of Malta in 2001 (both of which the present author attended). Margaret Isely had died in 1996, and Philip remarried in 2001. Now 85 years old, his activism and support for the movement soon began to wane. Alarmed members of the Executive Council reconstituted a “new WCPA” (described in section 1.2 below) that began with the Sixth Session of the Parliament in Bangkok, Thailand, in March 2003. Yet Isely’s truly great contribution remains: for he was the central figure behind the worldwide movement to create the *Earth Constitution* that remains the greatest hope for humankind today.

The subversion directed at the rapidly expanding movement to ratify the *Earth Constitution* underlines the significance and essential nature of our work. To our knowledge no other world federalist organization has experienced this kind of intentional subversion. The dominant powers do not care if federalists try to reform the U.N., or hold their own NGO elections, etc., for none of these activities seriously threaten the current world order of superpower domination and corporate exploitation of poor nations worldwide. The fact that the Earth Federation Movement has been singled out for subversion is yet another indicator of the significance of our efforts to create a global social contract that embraces all nations and peoples. The fact that the dominators and exploiters of poor nations and peoples of the Earth do not want such a social contract to happen may indicate that we are doing precisely the right thing.

The central concept behind the Earth Federation Movement could be expressed by the words of Mortimer Adler: “All – when what is meant is *all without exception* – is the most radical and, perhaps, also the most revolutionary term in the lexicon of political thought” (1991: 90). This is what the imperial dominators fear most: a global social contract that embraces all of humanity and brings real peace, justice, and equality under law to the Earth. This is why the *Earth Constitution* is the most important document of the 20th century. Of all the documents of that century, it alone has the power to rapidly establish a decent world system under the rule of enforceable law.

Due to the intimidation that small countries have received after expressing interest in the *Earth Constitution*, the Earth Federation Movement presently deems it best not to urge individual small countries to ratify alone. There is a realistic fear that such action could lead to their overthrow or subversion, perhaps even to military invasion. The current campaign for ratification urges countries to talk to one another privately and then to ratify the *Constitution* simultaneously as a group, thus greatly reducing the possibility of subversion, overthrow, or invasion.

Over more than five decades of development, the Earth Federation Movement has had contact with thousands of NGOs worldwide, with millions of persons, and with many legislators and other officials in the governments of the world. It has evolved into a very large, informal network from these sources that are today centered on, and sponsored by, the World Constitution and Parliament Association and the Institute on World Problems.

Today, in the early 21st century, the threat of nuclear weapons and other

weapons of mass destruction remains very high. The chaos of international criminal activity and the military violence of nation-states continues everywhere unabated. Essential resources like fresh water and arable land are disappearing at astonishing rates. International criminal syndicates flourish: trafficking in weapons, women and children, drugs, and terrorist activities. Global warming and possible climate collapse threaten the future of life on our planet. And the internal legitimacy of nation-states, like that of the U.N., is called into question because of their apparent impotence in the face of these calamities. The Earth Federation Movement, as the only effective solution to the present global chaos, is again growing by leaps and bounds. Everywhere, people are beginning to understand that our only viable option is to ratify a non-military, democratic *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*.

1.2 The Earth Federation Movement since 2003

The fundamental moral and existential principle of human life is the universal brotherhood and sisterhood of all human beings. This idea has been affirmed in all the great religions of the world and in every great culture since ancient times. A fundamental unity – our common humanity – underlies the immense diversity of cultures, nations, and persons everywhere on Earth. Article 1 of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.” This statement sums up a fundamental principle of human civilization that has been recognized by thoughtful people since time immemorial.

Nevertheless, this truth remains a mere ideal unless it is translated into a legally binding social contract for humanity. One can only really affirm the wonderful diversity of humankind when that diversity is established in a more fundamental unity that surpasses an abstract moral ideal. The Preamble to the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* affirms precisely this “unity in diversity” of “nations, races, creeds, ideologies, and cultures,” and, of course, of individual persons whose diversity and freedom are protected adamantly by the document. Unlike the U.N. Universal Declaration, however, within the *Constitution* this principle of the unity of humanity is expressed in a binding social contract, in the principle of democratically legislated laws universally enforceable and equally protecting the unity in diversity of everyone on Earth.

The new WCPA that emerged out of the crisis of 2001-2003, grounds itself more firmly than ever in this paradigm shift that is at the heart of the *Earth Constitution*. In addition to the two basic initiatives of the older WCPA listed here, five newer initiatives have been added that strengthen and undergird the power of this new, holistic paradigm.

- (1) *The first and most fundamental principle remains ratification of the Earth Constitution.* The work of WCPA members worldwide to actualize the demand inherent in our human situation for a world of justice, equality, and freedom did not end with the creation of the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*. The great accomplishment of those thousands of world citizens led by Philip and Margaret Isely,

Terence Amerasinghe, and Reinhart Ruge, was the creation of the most important document of the 20th and 21st centuries. However, with the retirement or death of these leaders, new leaders and many local activists have come to the fore, equally committed to the great task of civilizing human life on Earth under the equitable rule of justly legislated laws for everyone.

Ratification of the *Earth Constitution*, under Article 17, may involve one of several possible combinations of two criteria: grass roots support for, and ratification of, the *Constitution* and/or a group of leaders of nation-states coming together in a founding ratification convention. WCPA continues to work in both areas. Through our WCPA chapters, we promote community involvement and a growing mass movement toward ratification of the *Constitution*. We also continue to contact political leaders, justices, parliamentarians, and prominent citizens to promote the possibility of a founding ratification convention of national leaders.

- (2) The second principle continued by the renewed Earth Federation Movement involves the *promotion of provisional world government and sessions of the Provisional World Parliament*. Since 2003, the new WCPA, in collaboration with the IOWP and NGOs within the Earth Federation Movement, has successfully organized the 6th session of the Provisional World Parliament in Bangkok, Thailand, the 7th session in Chennai, India, (both in 2003), the 8th session in Lucknow, India in 2004, the 9th session in Tripoli, Libya in 2006, the 10th session in Kara, Togo, in 2007, the 11th session in Nainital, India, in July 2009, and the 12th session in Kolkata, India, in December 2010. At the 11th session, the delegation from Bangladesh presented the Parliament with the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* newly translated into its 23rd language: Bengali, also known as Bangla (the language of at least 160 million people). This work was spearheaded by Dr. Mujibur Rahman and Mr. Mabubul Islam, WCPA leaders also associated with the largest youth and environmental organizations in Bangladesh and members of the World Peace Council, a U.N. recognized international NGO.

These Parliaments have also created, to date, a body of very sophisticated and professional provisional world law that models for the world the possibility of a truly alternative world of peace with justice. The Parliament has also studied the *Constitution* for strengths and weaknesses and has undertaken legislation to implement and strengthen its democratic intent. For example, the Parliament created a Global People's Assembly to supplement the House of Peoples (see WLA 29 below). This body of law and its implications will be detailed in the three volume edition of *Emerging World Law*, edited by Eugenia Almand and Glen T. Martin. The first volume appeared in 2009. The provisional world laws passed to date can also be found at www.worldproblems.net.

These two broad initiatives remain at the heart of the WCPA mission. However, the new WCPA has expanded and developed implications found in these initiatives in four additional ways:

- (3) *Loving service to humanity.* As detailed below, we are developing service projects in poor countries under the auspices of WCPA. We sponsor schools, environmental projects, permaculture development, and other projects that directly address the needs of people in poor countries.
- (4) *Study and learning projects.* The WCPA had earlier created the Graduate School of World Problems under the leadership of Dr. Amerasinghe. The new WCPA sponsored creation of the non-profit Institute on World Problems (IOWP), as a successor to the Graduate School, to emphasize study of world problems and their means of solution under the *Earth Constitution*. To this effect, we have become an educational organization promoting worldwide thought and study concerning our endangered future.
- (5) *Collaboration and dialogue with other world federalists and their organizations.* This is a truly new feature of the WCPA-IOWP mission. We have developed relationships and contacts around the world with world federalist movements and organizations, collaborating as far as possible without compromising the vision of establishing a truly new, holistic paradigm under the *Earth Constitution*. Some of our supporters advocate a “two-track strategy.” They simultaneously support, for example, U.N. reform and ratification of the *Earth Constitution*. WCPA does not deny that this kind of good work is legitimate, for a better world “has many kingdoms,” many possibilities for dedicated work in the service of a decent world order.
- (6) *The development of concrete strategies for integrating the world’s existing international institutions in relation to the Earth Constitution.* The work of the Provisional World Parliament since 2003 has become highly professionalized in terms of its legislative work, vision, and mission, largely due to the leadership of Eugenia Almand, J.D. and legal advice and participation from renowned participants and sponsors of the Parliament such as former India Supreme Court Justice A.P. Mishra and Puan Sri Datin Seri N. Saraswathy Devi, Barrister at Law from Malaysia and prominent member of the International Federation of Women Lawyers.

In the 8th session of the Provisional World Parliament in 2004 and again in the 12th session in 2010, the Parliament issued directives and legislation detailing how a conversion of the U.N. into an effective world democracy under the *Earth Constitution* can and should take place. The Parliament has already worked out many of the details.

For example, the Education Act (WLA 26) allocates major funding to a number of U.N. agencies that promote education in the world as soon as these agencies ratify the *Earth Constitution*. It names the following agencies for

allocations: U.N. Development Programme (UNDP), U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), U.N. University (UNU), International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), U.N. Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), and U.N. University for Peace (UPAZ). Unlike the U.N., the Earth Federation government will not be dependent on the voluntary donations of sovereign nation-states but will have entirely sufficient funds to serve all human needs, including massive worldwide educational development.

This principle of inclusion by the Earth Federation Movement is also true with regard to the Peoples' Congress that has, for many years, been holding elections of world citizens to its membership, and with the Assembly of States Parties that have signed the treaty behind the development of the International Criminal Court. The Elections Act (included among the documents below) calls on the People's Congress to use the progress it has already made in electing a body of world citizens by recognizing the *Earth Constitution* and constituting itself as the House of Peoples within the tricameral world parliament created by the *Constitution*.

The principle of inclusion is then extended to the nations supporting the ICC. The official national representatives of the governments comprising the Assembly of States Parties (currently assigned as delegates to the ICC) would be constituted as the House of Nations within the World Parliament. The present membership of the Provisional World Parliament (comprising all those who have been delegates going back to its first session in 1982) would serve as the House of Counselors (which in effect, the PWP is already doing). The final result would be that an effective initial World Parliament as mandated by the *Constitution* would be created through combining the People's Congress, the Assembly of States Parties, and the Provisional World Parliament.

Legislation enacted by the Provisional World Parliament has also often drawn from U.N. documents (e.g., WLA 27 on the Rights of Children), existing legal conventions (e.g., WLA 34 on Nuclear Weapons Dismantling), or from the excellent legal documents written for the ICC by lawyers representing the Assembly of States Parties (e.g., WLA 20 on a Court Bench for World Criminal Cases or WLA 37 on World Federal Privileges and Immunities). (See www.worldproblems.net.) In every case the PWP version is stronger because it has a constitutional base and gives real power, for example, to the World Court for Criminal Cases, a power lacking to the International Criminal Court as presently constituted as an agent empowered only by so-called sovereign nation-states and lacking a global social contract.

The convergence and correspondence of these international documents fosters integration of the various institutions producing these documents and speeds the recognition of the *Earth Constitution* as the most effective and comprehensive framework for fostering the rule of law in the world. For example, Earth Federation representatives to the General Review Conference of the ICC in Uganda during June 2010 distributed a memorandum to the ICC Secretariat (Document Five below) detailing how the ICC can be strengthened by referring its work to the *Earth Constitution* and raising the possibility that the Assembly of States Parties could begin to function as a House of Nations.

In another such initiative, the 12th session of the Provisional World Parliament enacted legislation creating a “Collegium of World Judges” made up of former Supreme Court justices from any of the nations around the world. A number of former Supreme Court justices from India have participated in various sessions of the Parliament held in India and may form the core of this newly created Collegium. The *Earth Constitution* calls for such a Collegium as the pool of qualified justices from which the various benches of the World Supreme Court will be chosen. By establishing this provisional Collegium, the Parliament is drawing on the existing institution of supreme courts within all nations and creating the groundwork for a Provisional World Court system that will have more effectiveness and authority than either the International Court of Justice or the ICC because, unlike these limited institutions, it will function under a global constitutional basis and will not be hamstrung by the system of sovereign nation-states.

In these ways and others, therefore, the Earth Federation Movement is promoting active integration and collaboration not only with other world federalist organizations but with established international institutions that have the potential to become the seeds of effective emerging world law. Much of present international law can be transformed into effective world law by persons (like Provisional World Parliament jurists) who understand the dynamics and possibilities of the legal institutions of the world. Our initiatives in this respect go far beyond what most world federalist organizations have accomplished.

(7) *Modeling and conceptual development of the world order deriving from the Earth Constitution.* The 52 world legislative acts of the Provisional World Parliament, and its many declarations and resolutions, have articulated a vision of an alternative world order derived from the *Constitution* that can be studied, modeled, concretely envisioned, and analyzed. This work has been spearheaded and systematized by Dr. Eugenia Almand, Secretary of the Provisional World Parliament.

These documents together concretize the world order implicit in the *Constitution* and show, for the entire world to see, how things can genuinely be different. We *can* establish a peace system, a debt-free economic system of reasonable prosperity for all, an environmentally sustainable system, and a system in which diversity is empowered and protected precisely because it is constitutionally affirmed and legally grounded within the unity of the Earth Federation.

The legislation of the first five sessions of the Provisional World Parliament did not consciously follow professional legislative drafting rules, nor was this legislation conceptualized as part of a coherent body of integrated world law. Delegates at these sessions, rather, addressed what they took to be the world’s greatest needs, such as making all nuclear weapons illegal (World Legislative Act # 1. Since the 6th session of the Parliament in Bangkok in March of 2003, under the leadership of Dr. Almand, there has been a professionalization of the parliament, its procedures, and its legislation.

In pursuit of these goals, the new WCPA has continued to hold regular Executive Council meetings and recently appointed new and energetic leaders to the Council. With the death of Dr. Amerasinghe in 2007, WCPA headquarters for Asia was moved from Colombo, Sri Lanka, to the active WCPA offices in Chennai, India, under the direction of Professor Ramanujam Ananthanarayanan. Dr. Preeti Shankar of Lucknow has become Deputy Director for Asia.

Dr. Phichai Tovivich, President of the Office of the World Peace Envoy and of WCPA, Thailand, has become a Vice-President of worldwide WCPA, and Dr. Santi Nath Chattopadhyay, who is also Director of the International Society for International Study and Research (ISISAR) in Kolkata, India, has also become a WCPA Vice-President. Dr. Dauji Gupta, former Mayor of the City of Lucknow, India, and Sri Jagdish Gandhi, founder/manager of the City Montessori School system of Lucknow, remain important, long standing Vice-Presidents.

In Bangladesh, Mr. Mahbubul Islam has become WCPA World Youth Director. He has worked for years with Dr. Mujibur Rahman in developing WCPA for Bangladesh. Every session of the Provisional World Parliament since 2003 has been deeply indebted to WCPA activists in the host countries who have facilitated numerous local arrangements, including food, transportation, housing, publicity, etc. Justice A. P. Mishra, former Supreme Court Justice of India, and Saraswathy Devi, prominent international lawyer from Malaysia and head of the International Women Lawyers' Commission on Human Trafficking, are both recent Honorary Sponsors of the Provisional World Parliament.

In Costa Rica, we have established a vibrant WCPA chapter known as the "Rodrigo Carazo Odio Chapter," named after the great peace leader and former President of Costa Rica, Rodrigo Carazo. Lic. Celina Garcia, Director of the Costa Rica Center for the Study of Peace (Fundación CEPPA) and principle founder of this chapter, has become a Vice-President of WCPA worldwide with the goal of developing Costa Rica as a center for the Earth Federation Movement throughout Latin America.

The WCPA has also had an official presence at every one of the ten annual, international conferences of Chief Justices of the World and corresponding Global Symposiums that have taken place in Lucknow, India, for the past ten years. These impressive events on behalf of world peace through law are sponsored by the City Montessori School of Lucknow and its founder/manager, Dr. Jagdish Gandhi. At the 10th session in December 2009, the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* was distributed to these Chief Justices from around the world in any one of five languages: English, French, Spanish, Hindi, and Esperanto. At the 11th Session, in 2010, the *Earth Constitution* was again distributed to all participants, both justices and representatives of NGOs. These international conferences of Chief Justices are particularly important because Justices understand the need for the rule of law and, within nations, are often above the political fray of party politics. Many justices at these conferences have affirmed the need to ratify the *Earth Constitution*.

Leaders of the Earth Federation Movement have established the Institute On World Problems (IOWP) as a 501c3 educational institution in the United States to work closely with WCPA in our worldwide educational efforts. Trustees of

IOWP overlap with the membership of the Executive Council of WCPA (those listed on the WCPA letterhead) but the IOWP is a smaller organization focused on studying global problems and their interconnections, recommending integrated solutions, and educating the people of Earth with respect to the issues and choices we are all facing.

The IOWP helps sponsor the Provisional World Parliament, holds educational seminars around the world, and promotes study and learning regarding global issues and the *Earth Constitution*. While the WCPA has chapters in many countries around the world, the IOWP has established only one official branch in Zagreb, Croatia, under the direction of Dr. Slavko Kulic and Dr. Marija Pavkov. Since it was established in 2003, the IOWP has held international seminars for WCPA members and other interested people in Chennai, India (twice), Lucknow, India (three times, hosted by Dr. Gandhi), Erodes, Tamil Nadu, India, several cities in Ghana (three times), Kara, Togo (twice), Dhaka, Bangladesh (three times), Kalamata, Greece, Tepotzlan, Mexico, Kameoka, Japan, Bangkok, Thailand, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Zagreb, Croatia, Radford, Virginia, Raquette Lake, New York, Toronto, Canada, and San Jose, Costa Rica (twice).

Seminar participants are empowered and educated on the basic principles of the *Earth Constitution*, democratic world law, and the Earth Federation Movement. In 2004, IOWP also published the *Manifesto of the Earth Federation* which has been widely distributed in English and Spanish. (The Manifesto is included within my 2005 volume entitled *World Revolution through World Law*.) At present, WCPA-IOWP is also mounting a mailing campaign in the U.S. with brochures and information that will be going to thousands of organizations and individuals.

Thousands of copies of the *Earth Constitution* have also been distributed in French, English, Hindi, or Spanish in all of these places and WCPA leaders have met with key political officials, giving them copies of the *Constitution*. From WCPA offices in the USA, Togo, India, and Sri Lanka, we have corresponded by email and surface mail with WCPA members and chapters all over the world. The large chapter in the Tamil Nadu state of India has recently moved into new, larger offices and has had a late model automobile donated to facilitate its work. A number of prominent businessmen there support this work for world peace.

Supporters in Kolkata, India, have been raising funds for an independently constructed World Peace Center there, which will have separate offices for WCPA and IOWP, and new WCPA offices are opening up in Mexico City and San Jose, Costa Rica. A working relationship has been developed with the Sri Aurobindo Movement and with the World Prout Movement, both of which are worldwide movements that support the idea of democratic world government. For many years, we have also had a strong relationship with the Oomoto religion, based in Japan, and its Universal Love and Brotherhood Association (ULBA), which also support democratic world government.

The office of the World Peace Envoy in Thailand (that has operated there for 40 years under the direction of his holiness, the late Ariyawanso Bhikku) has been re-empowered and reorganized under the direction of Dr. Phichai Tovivich

to lead a movement for a WCPA-sponsored World Peace Envoy designated for every country. Supporters in Togo, under the leadership of WCPA Coordinator for Africa, Dr. Dominique Simfei Balouki, have acquired donated land in two cities for WCPA permaculture projects and have begun farming these projects as models for a future sustainable world. They are also working on developing a “World University” there that will house WCPA and IOWP and be organized around truly universal principles of democratic world government. In Bangladesh, the Earth Federation Movement is developing two ecovillage projects, which will serve as centers for educating people concerning sustainable living as well as concerning the need for ratifying the *Earth Constitution*.

In Liberia, a substantial WCPA chapter has been flourishing for nearly 30 years. They are currently involved in establishing a new chapter in neighboring Sierra Leone. Officials from the Liberia Chapter have served as independent observers in national elections in Liberia (as have WCPA officials in Togo for Togo elections). WCPA officials have often been asked to perform such non-partisan functions, since we represent a world organization dedicated to free and fair democracy that does not take partisan sides within the politics of any nation-state.

In Ghana, the WCPA chapter near the capitol city of Accra, led by Reverend and Mrs. Tawiah and Bishop Isaac Taylor, has renovated a building that has become an international school, following in the tradition of WCPA chapters worldwide doing beneficial social projects in the service of ordinary people. A second chapter in Ghana has been founded by Bishop Emmanuel Mensah in the city of Kumasi. Bishop Mensah has used the non-partisan and international peace status of WCPA to foster reconciliation among groups in Northern Ghana that are threatening violence against one another. WCPA South Africa, under the leadership of Bernardo van Heerden-Baez and Ms. Nomhle Mahlwe, is presently distributing and promoting the study of the *Earth Constitution* in that country and organizing a large international meeting in southern Africa for June 2011. In Nepal, the long standing WCPA chapter is in the process of expanding and revitalizing itself.

During this period WCPA leaders have met with two African Heads of State, many members of various parliaments, many supreme court justices and world peace leaders, as well as the Vice-President of the European Union, promoting the uniting of the Earth under its only viable, practical *Constitution*. They have been working to meet with South American leaders such as President Hugo Chávez, and have been making efforts through contacts to get personal meetings directly devoted to Earth Federation work. The *Earth Constitution* in Spanish is currently being sent to all Latin American Heads of State.

WCPA and IOWP, under the leadership of Dr. Almand, have also designed and developed a model Earth Currency in several denominations that has been mailed to many Heads of State, heads of national banks, etc., by IOWP sociologist, Dr. Bob Blain. On behalf of IOWP and the *Earth Constitution*, Dr. Blain continues to send samples of currency and descriptions of truly empowering economic principles to Heads of State and key people around the world, along with graphs and charts showing them the way out of the world’s current economic imperialism and slavery. A transformed, debt-free economic

system is already explicit in the *Earth Constitution*, and this new world currency has been integrated into the emerging Earth Federation under the *Constitution* through carefully designed acts of the Provisional World Parliament.

During this period WCPA and IOWP have come to a permanent agreement with the Institute for Economic Democracy (IED) Press, an established progressive publishing house in the U.S., to serve as an Earth Federation publishing house. The Press has published *World Revolution through World Law*. It has published my *Ascent to Freedom: Practical and Philosophical Foundations of Democratic World Law*, and, in spring 2009, came out with the first of the three volume publication *Emerging World Law: Key Documents and Decisions of the World Constituent Assemblies and the Provisional World Parliament*, edited by myself and Dr. Almand. Most recently it has published my *Triumph of Civilization: Democracy, Nonviolence and the Piloting of Spaceship Earth* and my *Constitution for the Federation of Earth: With Historical Introduction, Commentary, and Conclusion*.

The Press has also published *Earth Federation Now!* (2005) and *21st Century Democratic Renaissance* (2008) by renowned British philosopher Errol E. Harris (a Vice-President of WCPA until his recent death). Both books argue for the necessity of world democracy under the *Earth Constitution*. The Press has had a great productivity in the past six years of first class publications devoted to the conceptual and practical foundations of the *Earth Constitution* as the only viable option for humanity, as well as to genuine economic democracy.

There are a number of websites that represent our work, such as www.wcpa.biz, www.worldproblems.net, www.radford.edu/gmartin, www.protectourplanet.org (developed by Mr. Kevin Edds, a Trustee of IOWP) and www.earthfederation.info (developed by Dr. Roger Kotila, a WCPA Vice-President and IOWP Senior Fellow from California). Dr. Kotila, one of the original signatories of the *Earth Constitution*, has been active in helping carry on the large correspondence required of WCPA and IOWP. These websites continue to be under development even though they already contain an immense amount of information. There are also several other WCPA-related websites that were established by the old WCPA under Philip Isely, and a number of independent sites that host the *Earth Constitution*. Since 2003 our world headquarters has been in Radford, Virginia, USA.

As should be clear from the above account, WCPA and IOWP do not simply exist as electronic mirages (web sites or email lists), which is the case for some international NGOs advocating world federal government. WCPA chapters and members around the world are working concretely as part of the Earth Federation Movement to establish the foundations and infrastructure of the coming Earth Federation. The moral and existential principle that all human beings are brothers and sisters animates our dedication to ratifying the *Earth Constitution* and creating a decent world order for all of the Earth's creatures as well as future generations.